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SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know, Sir, whether these amendments to Government Servants' Conduct Rules apply to industrial workers of the Government who are members of registered and recognized trade unions? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" They are not members of the Service in the strict sense of the term; they belong to the labour organization."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—" May I know, Sir, whether the amendments to the Government Servants' Conduct Rules to the effect that any attempt on the part of the Government employees to refuse to receive wages is an offence, has been made applicable recently to industrial workers, for example, the workers of the Public Works Workshops? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" No such representation has been received by the Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In fairness to the Hon. the Premier and the parties concerned, is it not proper, Sir, that the recommendations of the Retrenchment and Reorganization Committee which suggested that in such cases, the Cabinet as a whole should consider the appeals, especially in the interests of the Government servants involved, should be re-considered by the Government? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The recommendations of the Committee are certainly beyond their purview. In these matters, it is the Premier who will have to deal with it and it need not necessarily go before the Cabinet."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Under the new Constitution, will the memorials go to the Governor or as under the present set-up, is it the Hon. Premier that is the final authority? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" A separate question may be put; but I may tell the House that, to the extent that I know, this question has not yet come before the Government."

The Gandikottah Project.

* 33 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the investigation of Gandikottah Project has been completed;

(*b*) whether the question of taking up this project without reference to the proposed Krishna-Pennar Project has been considered by Government;

(*c*) what the probable estimated cost, the ayacuts served, etc., of the Gandikottah and the Krishna-Pennar projects are; and

(*d*) whether the question of remodelling the Gandikottah Project to be linked up with and to form part of the Krishna-Pennar Project has been further examined and if so, what the tentative, if not final, results are?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The reservoir has been investigated and the field investigation is almost complete.

" (*b*) Yes. The present idea is to consider the scheme as an independent one in the first instance.

" (*c*) The probable cost of the Gandikottah Project is estimated at Rs. 5 crores based on the present day rates. As an independent scheme it will have an ayacut of less than one lakh of acres of which 10,000 acres will be wet and the rest irrigated dry. If linked with Krishna-Pennar Project the ayacut will be 1·5 lakhs of acres of wet. The probable cost of the Krishna-Pennar Project will be about the order of Rs. 100 crores and its ayacut will be about 3 million acres including 1·5 lakhs of acres under Gandikottah reservoir.

" (*d*) Yes. In view of the fact that the link up of the Gandikottah Project with the Krishna-Pennar Project will result in considerable advantages to the area to be served by the former, it is considered that the link up should be made, but that the Gandikottah Reservoir with a slight change of site to suit the link up later on, should be considered soon after the plans and estimates for it have been finalized."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I take it, Sir, in view of the fact that the Krishna-Pennar Project will cost Rs. 100 crores though it serves a bigger ayacut and since for the Gandikottah Project the estimates are all ready, the Government will have no hesitation in taking it up?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I have already answered the question in the affirmative, Sir."

Expenditure on contingencies.

* 34 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an officer was placed on special duty to examine expenditure on contingencies;

(*b*) what the recommendations of the officer are;

(*c*) whether effect has been given to any or all of his recommendations and the consequent savings effected on that account;

(*d*) whether the officer went into the question of work-charged establishments and menials paid from contingencies; and

(*e*) what the recommendations of the officer are in this regard and what orders, if any, have been passed by the Government on the recommendations relating to these?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) The recommendations are too numerous to be catalogued. The report of the Special Officer (which is not printed) consists of two parts—Part I contains general suggestions for